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SUBJECT: NEPAL NOT SENDING DELEGATE TO GLOBAL INITIATIVE EPG

REF: A. STATE 34519

[B](#). STATE 27349

[C](#). KATHMANDU 317

[D](#). KATHMANDU 141

[1](#)1. The Government of Nepal (GON) is unlikely to send any delegates to the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism Exercise Planning Group (EPG) to be held in Paris, France on April 15. The Deputy Chief of Mission extended invitation as requested in Ref B to Foreign Secretary Acharya on April 3. On April 8, Emboff followed up with the duty officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) as per Ref [A](#). (Note: GON offices, including the MFA, are closed April 7-14 in observance of the Constituent Assembly election on April 10 and subsequent local holidays. End note.) The duty officer said he would contact the Foreign Secretary and inform post if the GON decided to participate in the EPG.

[1](#)2. The GON has been unable to participate in any Global Initiative-related exercise to date because of a limited budget and lack of officials with relevant technical expertise (Ref D). The GON has yet to form an interagency group to handle Global Initiative issues (Ref C). Post does not anticipate movement on any major programs, including the Global Initiative, until well after the new Constituent Assembly sits, probably in May.
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